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IN ADDITION TO POINTS MENTIONED IN REFTEL (B), EMBASSY
SHOULD DRAW TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MFA ARTICLE 18 OF THE
1973 CULTURAL EXCHANGE AGREEMENT CONCERNING DEADLINES FOR
SUBMISSION OF VISAS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN EXCHANGE AND CO-
OPERATIVE ACTIVITIES. PARA (B) OF ARTICLE 18 STATES THAT
APPLICATIONS FOR VISITORS SHALL BE SUBMITTED AS A RULE AT
LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE ESTIMATED TIME OF DEPARTURE.
SOVIET EFFORTS TO INSIST THAT VISA APPLICATIONS MUST BE
SUBMITTED ONE MONTH PRIOR TO DEPARTURE WOULD, IN EFFECT,
BE A UNILATERAL CHANGE IN THE AGREEMENT. WE DOUBT THAT
THE SOVIETS WISH TO EFFECT SUCH A CHANGE. FOR OUR PART,
WE ARE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO PROCESS APPLICATIONS SUB-
MITTED WITHIN 14 DAYS OF ESTIMATED TIME OF DEPARTURE AND
HAVE, ON OCCASION, PROCESSED THEM IN SHORTER PERIOD OF
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TIME IN ORDERTO FACILITATE THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. WE

WOULD ASSUME SOVIETS SHARE THIS INTEREST. KISSINGER

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